

# Operation Border Star: Mission



A long-term commitment to Texas border security that combines and synchronizes the actions of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to secure the Texas-Mexico border.

## Operation Border Star provides:

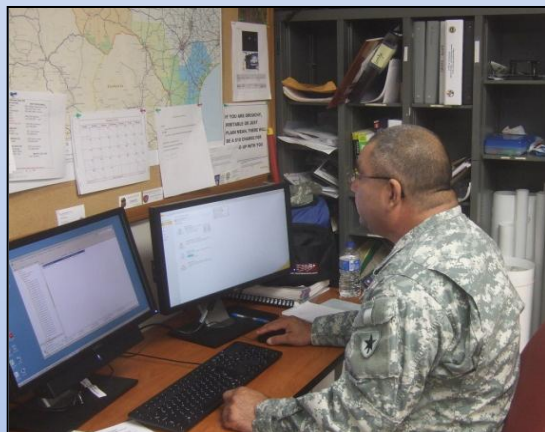
- Funding and resources to state and local agencies
- Training and education
- Coordination for targeted interagency operations
- New technological initiatives to enhance border security
- An intelligence-sharing network



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# Operation Border Star: Sectors

Operation Border Star divides the state into six sectors, each containing a Joint Operations Intelligence Center (JOIC) staffed with personnel from the Texas Rangers, as well as service members from the National and Texas State Guard.



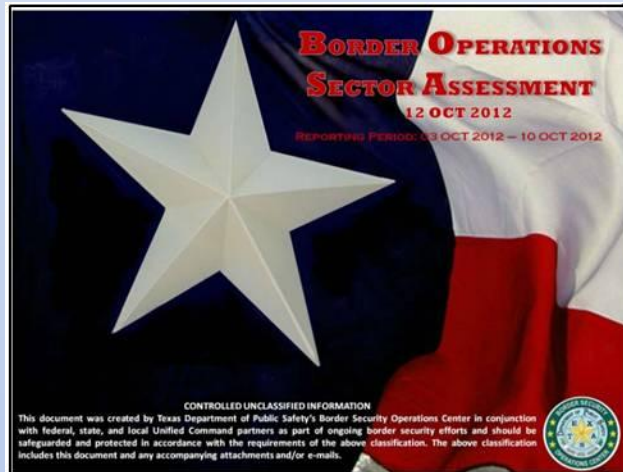
The JOICs' mission is to promote interagency communication, field intelligence collection, and information sharing. The Border Security Operations Center (BSOC) in Austin serves as the central hub for information collected at the JOICs.





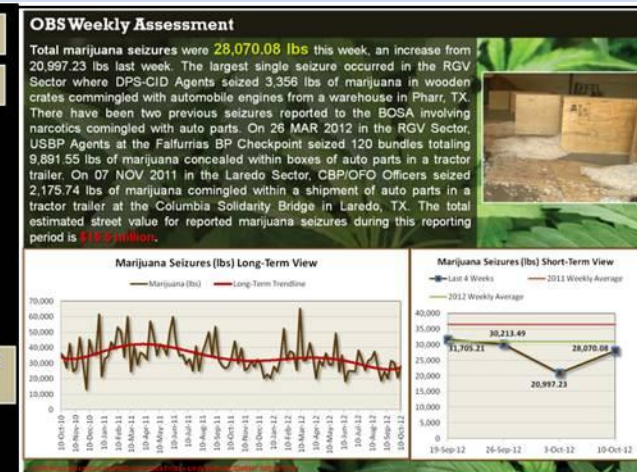
# Border Operations Sector Assessment (BOSA)

The Border Operations Sector Assessment (BOSA) is a report of criminal activity, trends, and statistics from the six JOIC regions and Mexico that is disseminated to a wide audience of federal, state, and local law enforcement.



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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sierra Blanca USBP Agents seized **80.77 lbs of marijuana** and apprehended two USCs at the IH-10 Checkpoint. Utilizing the backscatter technology, Agents noticed anomalies in the side panels which were accessible through the vehicle's interior. A total of 73 bundles were discovered. The subjects and marijuana were referred to El Paso DEA for federal prosecution.

Sierra Blanca USBP Agents seized **133.215 lbs of marijuana** and apprehended one USC at the IH-10 Checkpoint. The narcotics were located inside a truck tractor's interior compartments wrapped in cellophane and dryer sheets. The subject and marijuana were referred to El Paso DEA for federal prosecution.

### POSSIBLE DRUG CARTEL CONNECTION TO BROWNSVILLE DRIVE BY SHOOTING

Cristobal de La Cruz Cisneros • DOB 01/22/1967  
Rudy Orlando Hinojosa • DOB 04/14/1961  
Alberto Bustamante Perez  
Mauro Alaniz • 10/04/1968

Cameron Co SO Deputies arrested three suspects on deadly conduct charges. Deputies also arrested the alleged victim on deadly conduct and felon in possession of a firearm charges. Investigators believe that there is a **possible cartel connection**. Records show De La Cruz and Alaniz (the victim) were drinking at Alaniz' home. De La Cruz told Alaniz that he worked for the ZETAS CARTEL and he accused Alaniz of working for the GULF CARTEL and being an informant for the Cameron Co District Attorney's Office. The two men got into a fight, the assailant left, and returned in a vehicle from which he yelled "Mauro" and fired nine rounds at the victim.

**ANALYST NOTE:** Open source records show that Triple M Trucking is located at the residential address where the drive-by occurred.

### Carson County

09 OCT 2012: THP Berger conducted a traffic stop on northbound IH-40, on a 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser bearing CA registration. A consent to search revealed a false compartment built into the floor, underneath the rear seat. Inside, officers found three bundles of **cocaine, totaling 8.8 lbs**, wrapped in grey duct tape and aluminum foil, as well as one bundle of **crystal methamphetamine, totaling 0.44 lbs**, wrapped in green cellophane. The narcotics were traveling from Tulare, CA, to Wilson, NC.

### Bexar County

02 OCT 2012: DPS-CID San Antonio was called to a local parcel shipping company in reference to three packages that had been opened by the company. Inside was 49 vacuum-sealed bags of **marijuana, totaling 124 lbs**. The package had been shipped from Brownsville, TX, to San Antonio, TX.

# Sample BOSA pages:

## Key Events and Findings

- In the RGV Sector, DPS-CID Agents seized 3,356 lbs of marijuana in wooden crates, commingled with automobile engines from a warehouse in Pharr, TX. There have been two previous seizures reported to the BOSA involving narcotics comingled with auto parts. (p. [65](#))
- In the RGV Sector, CBP Officers from the Brownsville-Gateway Bridge seized 28.97 lbs of cocaine concealed under the rear seat from a 2004 Ford Explorer. (p. [57](#))
- In the RGV Sector, Hidalgo Co Precinct 4 Constables, in Pharr, TX, on a multi-agency operation, seized 6 lbs of heroin concealed in a backpack from a vehicle during a traffic stop. (p. [63](#))
- In the Coastal Bend Sector, DPS-THP seized \$164,980 USD concealed in a false compartment, located in the roof of the travel trailer, pulled by a 2001 Ford Excursion on US-77. (p. [72](#))
- THP Borger seized 8.8 lbs of cocaine and 0.44 lbs of crystal methamphetamine concealed in a false compartment built into the floor of a 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser traveling on IH-40, from Tulare, CA, to Wilson, NC. (p. [78](#))
- On 07 OCT 2012, SEMAR confirmed the death of #1 Los Zetas leader HERIBERTO LAZCANO LAZCANO and one of his bodyguards, killed during a confrontation between gunmen and Mexican Marines near Progreso. (p. [84](#))
- Three police officers, including the Deputy Chief of Operations were arrested for involvement in murder of Jose Eduardo Moreira Rodriguez. (p. [89](#))

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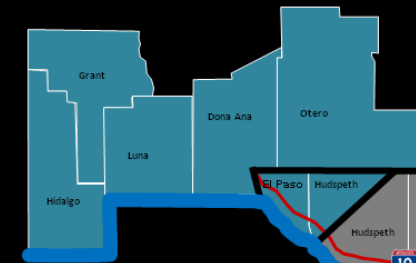
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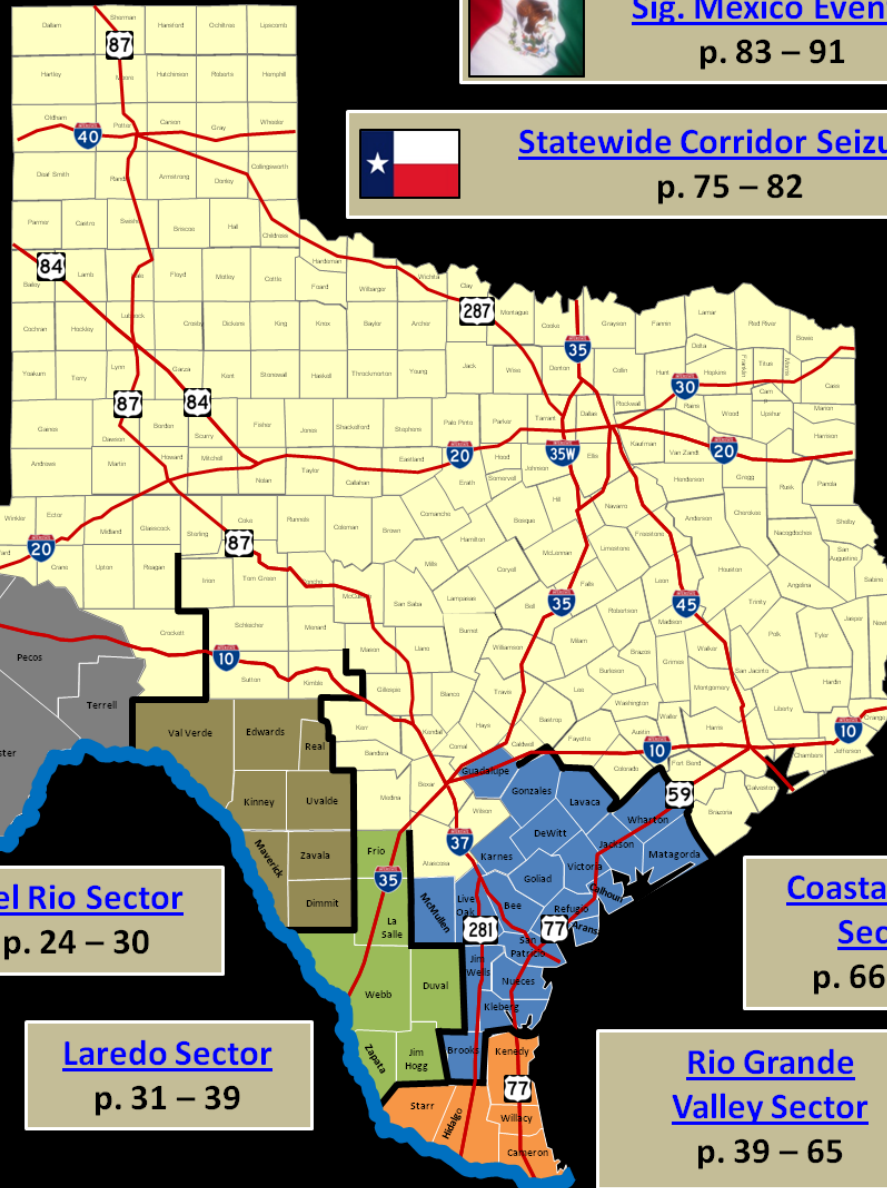
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## RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR

The Unified Command provided the following reports:

Contraband Seizures		
Marijuana		23,217.41 lbs
Cocaine		28.973 lbs
Heroin		6 lbs
Methamphetamine		1.18 lbs
Currency		\$2,219.00
Other		4.5 Xanax pills
Weapons	Handgun(s)	2
	Long Gun(s)	4
	Magazines	6
	Ammunition	10 rds

Absconds	37
Bailouts	2
Criminal Arrests	26
Fugitive Arrests	2
Gang Related Criminal Arrests	50
Pursuits	5
Scouts/Decoys	1
Spikings	--
Splash Downs	--

Apprehensions		
UDAs/Referrals		96
UDAs/USBP		2003
OTMs		1014
Countries	El Salvador	328
	Guatemala	263
	Honduras	372
	Ecuador	19
	Dominican Republic	1
	India	2
	Nicaragua	12
	Nepal	10
	Brazil	1
	Peru	1
	Colombia	4
	Bolivia	1

*\*Note: Not official CBP numbers; numbers are approximate and not exact.*

Vehicles Stolen / Recovered	
Stolen	1
Recovered	2

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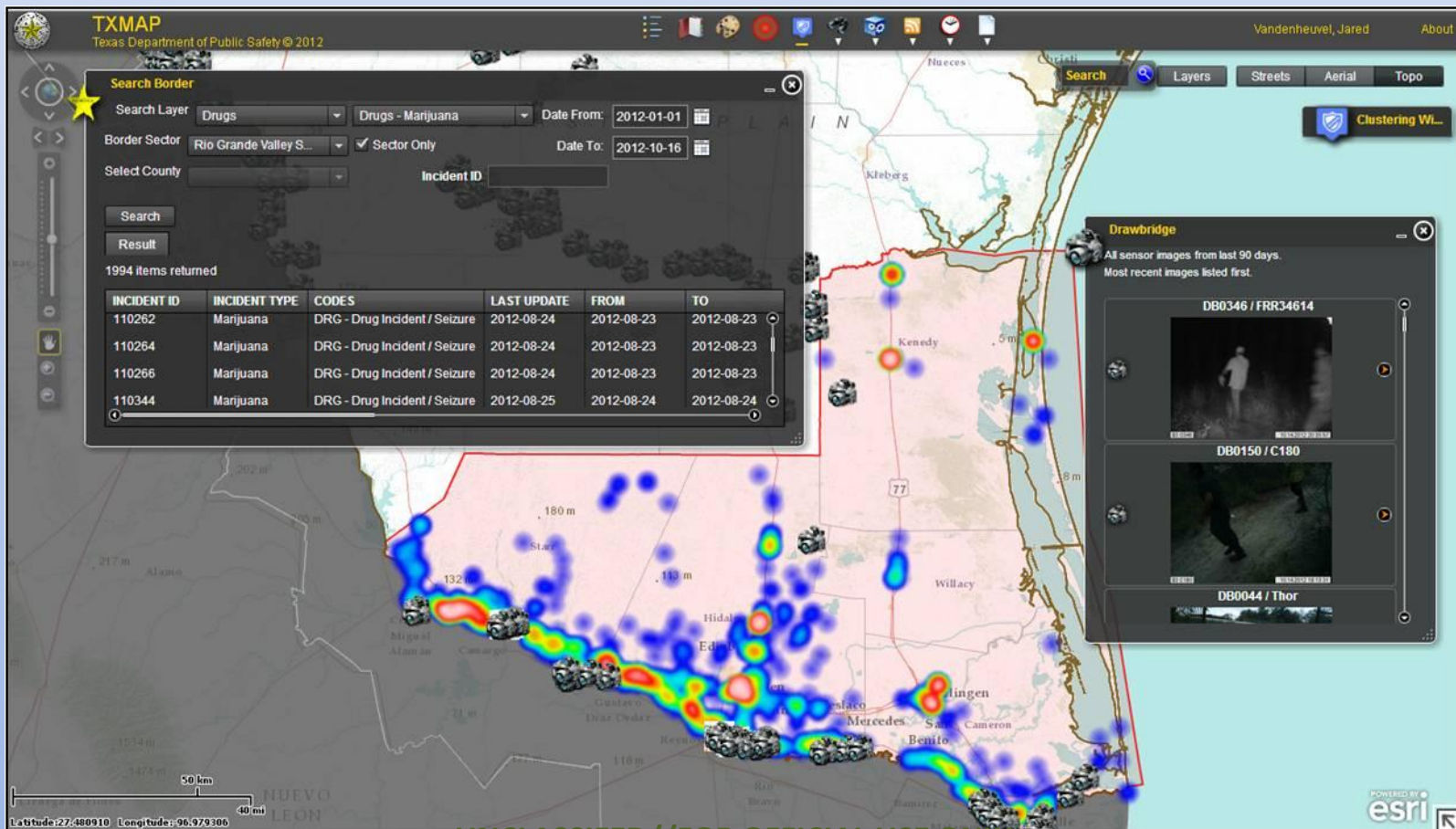
## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kingsville USBP Agents at the Sarita Border Patrol Checkpoint, referred a 2003 Freightliner tractor and trailer for secondary inspection. A K-9 alerted to the trailer. A subsequent search of the trailer revealed **2,176.6 lbs of marijuana** concealed within the pallets. One male USC was arrested. DEA took custody of the subject, tractor and trailer, and marijuana.



# TXMAP

TXMAP is a web-based Geographic Information System that allows dynamic data elements to be visually displayed, queried and reported. The visual display of the data allows analysts and planners to view resources and potential threats geospatially, providing a Common Operating Picture and strategic planning tool for law enforcement. One of the better known datasets in TXMAP is the border-related incidents and seizures layer, which is updated on a daily basis by Texas State Guard service members in the JOICs.



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# OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE



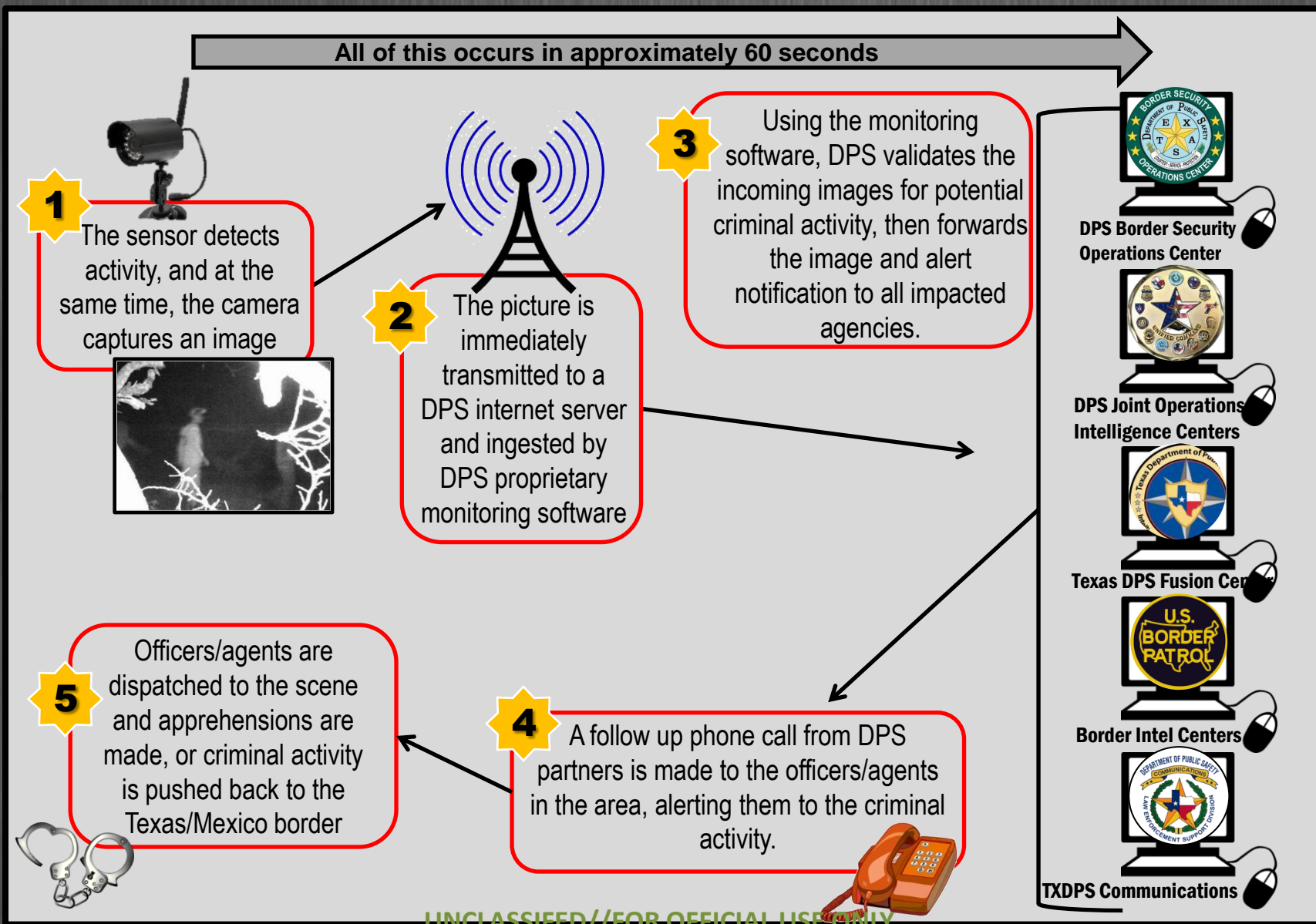
## TEXAS DPS BORDER CAMERA ARRAY AND JOINT MONITORING SOFTWARE

Operation Drawbridge uses low cost, off-the-shelf wildlife cameras that have been modified to meet law enforcement needs. Operation Drawbridge is fully operational today with hundreds of cameras located along the border, monitored 24/7 by Texas DPS, service members from the National and Texas State Guards, as well as US Border Patrol



# OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE

## How it Works:





Below are some of the images captured in real time on Drawbridge:



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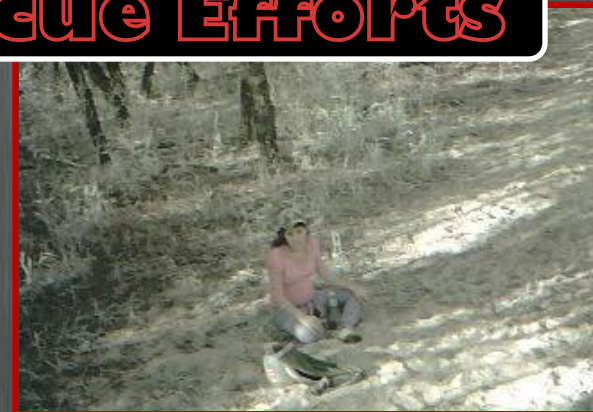


The below series of photos was taken in late summer, during one of the hottest times of the day in a remote area 40 miles from the Texas/Mexico border where several immigrant exposure deaths occur annually. A young female is unable to continue the long walk and left to fend for herself with only a jug of water and minimal supplies – abandoned by the group. Drawbridge monitors contacted U.S. Border Patrol in the area and Agents initiated a Search and Rescue. The young woman was later located by USBP, and turned out to be 14 years old.

## Search & Rescue Efforts



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# Drawbridge Results:

Since January 2012, the Drawbridge system has been successful in detecting more than 10,100 criminal exploitations of the Texas/Mexico border, and has directly resulted in the **apprehension of more than 4,300 individuals** and the seizure of more than **10 tons of narcotics**.

